

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in view of the above Amendment and the discussion below.

Claims 13, 15 and 16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as unpatentable over Lamm et al. in view of Grot et al. while claims 1-12 have been allowed and claims 14 and 17 have been objected as dependent upon a rejected base claim but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

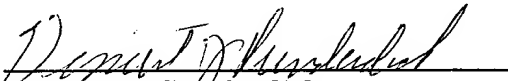
In response to the indicated allowable subject matter, Applicants have amended claim 13 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 14 and have amended claim 17 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 13 to provide an allowable independent claim 17. Claims 15 and 16 now depend from allowable claim 13 and claim 14 has been canceled.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that this application containing claims 1-13 and 15-17 be allowed and be passed to issue.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #09530950240).

Respectfully submitted,


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